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[54] COMPOUND NANAOMYCIN A AND DERIVATIVES THEREOF AND A PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

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#### [57] ABSTRACT

OR

The present invention relates to new compound nanaomycin A and derivatives thereof represented by general formula:

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in which

- (a) R is H and R' is OH (nanaomycin A),
- (b) R is H and R' is  $NH_2$  (nanaomycin C),
- (c) R is COCH<sub>3</sub> and R' is OH (acetylnanaomycin A), and
- (d) R is H and R' is OCH<sub>3</sub> (nanaomycin A methyl ester).

Nanaomycin A is a new compound of quinone type and its acute toxicity (LD<sub>50</sub>, intra-penetrial injection) in mice is 28.2 mg/Kg. Nanaomycin A and derivatives thereof are active on Gram-positive bacteria, trichophyton and mycoplasma and are useful as a medicament for humans and animals. Nanaomycins A and C are produced by culturing a nanaomycin-producing strain belonging to the genus Streptomyces aerobically in a medium to accumulate nanaomycins A and C in the cultured broths. The derivatives acetylnanaomycin A and nanaomycin A methyl ester have similar properties to those of nanaomycin A.

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#### COMPOUND NANAOMYCIN A AND DERIVATIVES THEREOF AND A PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

#### **RELATED APPLICATION**

"The present application is a divisional of U.S. Ser. No. 858,215 filed Dec. 7, 1977 which is now U.S. Pat. No. 4,196,266 which is a continuation of Ser. No. 10 719,744, filed Sept. 2, 1976 (now abandoned) which is a continuation in part of Ser. No. 558,563, filed Mar. 14, 1975 (now abandoned,) all for the same inventions".

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

those of known antibiotics such as deoxyfrenolicin and ethylkalafunginate (ethylkalamycin).

Nanaomycin A is in the form of crystals of yellow needles and has the following physical and chemical 5 characteristics:

1. Elementary analysis:

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Found: C: 63.35%; H: 4.47%; N: 0%, Calculated (as C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>6</sub>): C: 63.57%; H: 4.66%; N: 0%.

2. Molecular weight: m/e determined by mass spectrum is 302.084 and the theoretical value of m/e for  $C_{16}H_{14}O_{6}$  is 302.079.

3. Melting point: 178°–180° C.

4. Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_D^{26} - 27.5^\circ$  (C=1.0 in metha-

The present invention relates to new compound designated as nanaomycin A which is also designated as OS-3966-A or Rosanomycin A. and derivatives thereof represented by general formula:



#### in which

(a) R is H and R' is OH,

(b) R is H and R' is  $NH_2$ ,

(c) R is COCH<sub>3</sub> and R' is OH, and

(d) R is H and R' is  $OCH_3$ .

In this specification, the compounds of general formula (I)—(a), —(b), —(c) and —(d) are designated as nanao- 35 mycin A, nanaomycin C, acetylnanaomycin A and nanaomycin A methyl ester, respectively. The abovementioned formula has been determined by various experiments including nuclear magnetic resonance spectra, elementary analysis, mass-spectra and the like. <sup>40</sup>

5. Ultraviolet absorption spectrum (FIG. 1):  $\lambda_{max}$ . MeOHnm( $\epsilon$ ): 250 (0.985×10<sup>4</sup>), 274 (1.22×10<sup>4</sup>), 423 (0.404×10<sup>4</sup>)

6. Infrared absorption spectrum (FIG. 2):

Relatively strong absorptions at 3150, 2960, 2910, 1725, 1640, 1610, 1450, 1370, 1320, 1270, 1220, 1160 cm<sup>-1</sup> when measured by KBr method.

7. Solubility:

Easily soluble in methanol, ethanol, ethylacetate, <sup>25</sup> chloroform, acetone and ether. Insoluble in n-hexane, petroleum ether and water.

8. Color reaction:

Trichophyton asteroides

Positive in the reactions with ferric chloride and reduction catalyst [Feigl, N., Anal. Chem., 28, 397
 <sup>0</sup> (1956)]. Negative in ninhydrin reaction, Sakaguchi reaction, Ehrlich reaction, Fehling reaction and Molish reaction.

From the characteristics stated above, it has been found that nanaomycin A is a new quinone type compound. Nanaomycin A is also distinguishable from kalafungin (kalamycin) and deoxyfrenolicin owing to the difference of the specific rotation and optical rotatory dispersion curve (ORD curve) shown in FIG. 3.

#### DRAWINGS

FIG. 1—UV absorption spectrum of nanaomycin A Medium Test Organisms FIG. 2—IR absorption spectrum of nanaomycin A Bacillus subtilis PCI 219 N 45 FIG. 3—ORD curves of (I) nanaomycin A, (II) kala-Staphylococcus aureus FDA 209P Ν fungin and (III) deoxyfrenolicin Staphylococcus aureus FDA 209P(JC-1) Ν Sarcina lutea PCI 1001 Ν FIG. 4—UV absorption spectrum of nanaomycin C Mycobacterium smegmatis Ν FIG. 5—IR absorption spectrum of nanaomycin C Escherichia coli NIHJ Ν FIG. 6-NMR spectrum of nanaomycin C Escherichia coli NIHJ(JC-2) Ν 50 Klebsiella pneumoniae PCI 602 FIG. 7—UV absorption spectrum of acetylnanaomy-Salmonella typhimurium cin A Shigella flexneri FIG. 8—IR absorption spectrum of acetylnanaomy-Xanthomonas oryzae N-5824 cin A Pseudomonas aeruginosa FIG. 9-UV absorption spectrum of nanaomycin A 55 Candida albicans Saccharomyces sake methyl ester Aspergillus niger ATCC 6275 FIG. 10—IR absorption spectrum of nanaomycin A Aspergillus fumigatus IAM 2612 Piricularia oryzae methyl ester Microsporum gypseum 704 Nanaomycin A and derivatives thereof according to

The antimicrobial spectra of nanaomycin A is shown in Table 1.

TABLE 1

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the present invention are active upon mycoplasma,  $_{60}$  Gram-positive bacteria and tricophyton, and the acute toxicity (LD<sub>50</sub>, intra-penetrial injection) in mice of nanaomycin A is 28.2 mg/Kg. These compounds have an excellent therapeutic effect on infectious diseases caused by a parasite of Gram-positive bacteria, tricho- 65 phyton or mycoplasma. It has now been found that the properties of nanaomycin A and derivatives thereof according to the present invention are different from

Trichophyton ferrugineum 1.6 1.6 Trichophyton interdigitale 0.8 Trichophyton mentagrophytes 0.2 Trichophyton pedis 804 3.1 Trichophyton purpureum 0.4 Trichophyton roseum < 0.1Trichophyton rubrum Trichophyton schoenleini 0.2 0.4 Trichophyton violaceum Mycoplasma gallisepticum KP-13 < 0.013 Η E 0.05

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Test Organisms	Medium	MIC (µg/ml)
Mycoplasma gallisepticum S-6	Н	< 0.013
	E	0.10
Mycoplasma gallisepticum 333P	H	< 0.013
(Spiramycin resistant)	E	< 0.013
Mycoplasma gallinarum	H	1.56
Mycoplasma iners	Н	3.12 -
Mycoplasma pneumoniae	E	0.013
Acholeplasma laidlawii (A) PG8	H	>25
	E	>25
Acholeplasma laidlawii (B) Bml	Н	25
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Note:	
Medium N - nutrient agar (pH 7.0, 2 days, 37° C.)	)
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Agent	mg/ ml	Sam- ple		2 weeks	″3 weeks	4 weeks
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I - potato agai (pri 0.4, 4 days, 27 C.) H - Hokken PPLO agar (pH 7.8, 8 days, 37° C.) E - Eiken PPLO agar (pH 7.8, 8 days, 37° C.) MIC - Minimal inhibitory concentration

As apparent from Table 1, nanaomycin A exhibits a strong activity against Gram-positive bacteria. For example, the growth of Staphylococcus aureus is inhibited at a concentration of 2.0 to 8.0  $\mu$ g/ml and the growth of some fungi belonging to the genus Trichophyton is inhibited at a concentration of not more than 3.1  $\mu$ g/ml. 25 Nanaomycin A has also a high activity against mycoplasma and the growth of Mycoplasma gallisepticum is inhibited at a concentration of not more than 0.1  $\mu$ g/ml. Furthermore, nanaomycin A exhibits a strong activity against a spiramycin-resistant Mycoplasma gallisepticum. 30

Nanaomycin A exhibits an excellent therapeutic effect on various infectious diseases of animals caused by a parasite of the genus Trichophyton. For example, when dermatomycosis caused by Tricophyton metagorphytes at the back of guinea pigs is treated with a solu-35 tion of 0.01-1% nanaomycin A dissolved in propyleneglycolethanol (3:1 v/v) once daily for 8 days, an excellent therapeutic effect on erythema and scales is observed. Furthermore, nanaomycin A has a therapeutic effect on infectious diseases of animals caused by a 40 tively. parasite of the genus Mycoplasma and exhibits therapeutic effect on chronic respiratory disease of chickens caused by Mycoplasma gallisepticum. When dermatomycosis of cattle caused by mass infection of Trichophyton verrucosum is treated with nanao- 45 mycin A, nanaomycin A is dissolved or suspended in a suitable carrier, for example, olive oil, and is coated on the affected part directly with or without removal of the scales. SP-Burton (a commercial product available from Rakuno-shinko K. K., Japan) which is considered 50 as a most effective agent for dermatomycosis of animals is used as a control therapeutic agent. The therapeutic effects are observed for 4 weeks. The results obtained by once-coating of nanaomycin A and by twice-coating (the second coating is carried out a week after the first 55 coating) are shown in Tables 2 and 3, respectively.

•		Con.			AF	TER	-
•	Agent	mg/ ml	Sam- ple	1 week	2 weeks	3 weeks	4 weeks
I	Nanaomycin						
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II	SP-Burton Nanaomycin	0.3	1	—	<u> </u>	—	
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The anti-fungal activity and antimycoplasma activity of nanaomycin A are shown in Tables 4 and 5, respec-

#### TABLE 4

Antifungal Activity										
	Minimal Inhibitory Con. (µg/ml)									
Test Organisms	Nanaomycin A	Ý	$\mathbb{Z}^{2}$							
Candida albicans	50	50	>100							
Saccharomyces sake	12.5	6.3	>100							
Aspergillus fumigatus 👘 👘	6.3	6.3	>100							
Aspergillus niger	. 25	>100	>100							
Microsporum gypseum	0.8	.<0.2	>100							
Trichophyton asteroides	0.8	< 0.2	>100							
Trichophyton ferrugineum	0.8	3.1	1 >100							
Trichophyton interdigitale	1.6	0.4	>100							
Trichophyton rubrum	< 0.2	< 0.2	>100							
Trichophyton schoenleini	< 0.2	< 0.2	>100							
Trichophyton violaceum	3.1	0.8	>100							

Minimal inhibitory concentration was assayed by agar dilution method (potato agar, pH 6.4, 27° C., 4 days). 

Y : deoxyfrenolicin

Note:

Z : ethylkalafunginate (ethylkalamycinate)

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	Agent	mg/	Sam-		2	3 maaka	4	60		TABLE 5	
	Agent	ml	ple	l week	weeks	weeks	weeks	•		Antimycoplasma Activity	
I	Nanomycin	<b>.</b>								Concentration	Inhibitory
	A	0.1	1	-++-	++	╷┿╺┾╺┾	<del>≈</del> ╉╸╺ <del>╉</del> ╸╺╉╸		Antibiotic		Zone (mm)
	Nanomycin	1	1	+ + +	+ + +	- <u></u> + <u>+</u> <u>}-</u>	+ + +		Antiolotic	(µg/ml)	
	Α							65	Nanaomycin A	10	20.4
	Nanaomycin	10	1	╺╋╴╺╋╸╶╄╴	+++	┼┼┼	┿┿┿	02		100	28.7
	Α					and the second			Deoxyfrenolicin	10	14.6
	SP-Burton	0.3	1	<del>_</del> .	•	—	<del></del>			100	21.8
II	Nanaomycin								Ethylkalafunginate	10	none

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	Antimycoplasma Activity		
Antibiotic	Concentration (µg/ml)	Inhibitory Zone (mm)	5 4
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As shown in Table 5, the antimycoplasma activity of 10nanaomycin A is superior to those of deoxyfrenolicin and ethylkalafunginate.

Further study of nanaomycins has now led to the discovery of some nanaomycin derivatives, namely nanaomycin C, acetylnanaomycin A and nanaomycin A methyl ester, having similar properties to those of nanaomycin A. The derivatives of nanaomycin A according to the present invention have the following physical and chemical properties.

6 3. Melting point: 190°–192° C. 4. Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_D^{22} + 32.4^\circ$  (C: 1.02, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 5. Ultraviolet absorption spectrum (FIG. 7):  $\lambda_{max}^{MeOH}$ nm( $\epsilon$ ): 235 (20700), 265 (12100), 270 5 (12300), and 342 (3750) 6. Infrared absorption spectrum (FIG. 8): Relatively strong absorptions at 1765, 1700, 1670  $cm^{-1}$  when measured by KBr method.

7. Solubility:

Soluble in methanol, ethanol, ethylacetate, chloroform, acetone and ether. Insoluble in n-hexane, petroleum ether and water.

8. Color reaction:

Positive reaction to reduction catalyst [Feigl, N., Anal. Chem., 28, 397 (1956)]. Negative in ninhydrin reaction, Sakaguchi reaction, Ehrlich reaction, Fehling reaction and Molish reaction. From the characteristics stated above, it has been found that acetylnanaomycin A is a new compound 20 similar to nanaomycin A.

#### (A) Nanaomycin C:

Nanaomycin C is neutral and in the form of crystals of orange needles.

1. Elementary analysis:

Found: C: 63.46%; H: 4.50% N: 4.89%;

Calculated (as  $C_{16}H_{15}NO_5$ ): C: 63.78%; H: 4.64%; N5.02%.

2. Molecular weight:

m/e determined by mass spectrum is 301.092 and the  $_{30}$ theoretical value of m/e for  $C_{16}H_{15}NO_5$  is 301.095.

3. Melting point: 222°–224° C. (decomposition)

4. Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_D^{26} - 2^\circ$  (C=0.5 in dioxane)

5. Ultraviolet absorption spectrum (FIG. 4):

 $\lambda_{max}^{MeOH}$ nm( $\epsilon$ ): 248 (10100), 274 (12400), 424 (4610) 35

6. Infrared absorption spectrum (FIG. 5):

Relatively strong absorptions at 3400, 3260–70, 3180, 2960, 2910, 1645, 1605, 1570, 1450, 1420, 1392, 1360, 1315, 1278, 1263, 1233, 1210, 1160 and 1103  $cm^{-1}$  when measured by KBr method. 40 (C) Nanaomycin A methyl ester:

1. Elementary analysis: Found: C: 64.84%; H: 5.21%; N: 0%;

25 Calculated (as  $C_{17}H_{16}O_6$ ): C: 64.55%; H: 5.10%; N: 0%.

2. Molecular weight:

m/e determined by mass spectrum is 316.092 and the theoretical value of m/e for  $C_{17}H_{16}O_6$  is 316.090.

3. Melting point:  $99^{\circ}-102^{\circ}$  C.

4. Specific rotation:

 $[\alpha]^{20}_D - 12.7^\circ$  (C = 1.02, CHCl<sub>3</sub>)

5. Ultraviolet absorption spectrum (FIG. 9):

 $\lambda_{max}^{MeOH}$  nm( $\epsilon$ ): 248 (12400), 274 (15100), and 424 (5650)

6. Infrared absorption spectrum (FIG. 10): Characteristic and relatively strong absorptions at 1730, 1645 and 1615  $cm^{-1}$ .

7. Solubility:

Soluble in methanol, ethanol, ethylacetate, chloroform and acetone. Insoluble in water, n-hexane, and petroleum ether.

8. Color reaction:

Positive in the reactions with ferric chloride, 2,4-dinitrophenyl hydrazine and formaldehyde-0-dinitrobenzene. Negative in ninhydrin reaction, Ehrlich reaction and Sakaguchi reaction.

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0.35 in silica gel thin-layer chromatography using chloroform-methanol (10:1 v/v).

10. Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectrum: Shown in FIG. 6.

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7. Solubility:

Soluble in methanol, ethanol, ethylacetate, chloroform, acetone and ether. Insoluble in n-hexane, petroleum ether and water.

8. Color Reaction:

Positive reactions to ferric chloride and reduction catalyst [Feigl. N., Anal. Chem., 28, 397 (1956)]. Negative in ninhydrin reaction, Sakaguchi reaction, Ehrlich reaction, Fehling reaction and Molish reaction.

From the characteristics stated above, it has been found that nanaomycin A methyl ester is a new compound similar to nanaomycin A.

The antimicrobial activities of the derivatives of nanaomycin A are shown in Tables 6–8.

TABLE 6

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From the characteristics stated above, it has been 55	Minimal Inhibitory Concentration of Nanaomycin C			
found that nanaomycin C is a new compound similar to nanaomycin A and is an acid amide of nanaomycin A.	Test Organisms	Medium	MIC (μg/ml)	
(B) Acetylnanaomycin A:	Staphylococcus aureus FDA 209P Staphylococcus aureus FDA 209P (JC-1)	N N	6.3	
yellow needles. 1. Elementary analysis: Found: C: 62.89%; H: 4.73%; N: 0%; Calculated (as C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>16</sub> O <sub>7</sub> ): C: 62.79%; H: 4.68%; N: 0%. 2. Molecular weight:	Bacillus subtilis PCI 219 Sarcina lutea PCI 1001 Mycobacterium smegmatis ATCC 607 Escherichia coli NIHJ Escherichia coli NIHJ (JC-2) Klebsiella pneumoniae PCI 602 Salmonella typhimurium Shigella flexneri Pseudomonas aeruginosa Candida albicans	N N N N N N N N	6.3 25 50 100 > 100 > 100 > 100 > 100 > 100 > 100 > 100	
theoretical value of m/e for $C_{18}H_{16}O_7$ is 344.090.	Saccharomyces sake	P	>100	

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TABLE 6-continued				TABLE 8				
Minimal Inhibitory Concentration of Nanaomycin C				Antimycoplasma Activities of				
Test Organisms	Madimu	MIC		Acetylnanaomycin A and Nanaomycin A Methyl Ester				
Test Organisms	Medium	(µg/ml)	- 5			Inhibi	oition Zone (mm)	
Aspergillus niger	Р	>100	5	Test Organisms	Med.	Ι	II	Α
Trichophyton interdigitale	Р	100		Mycoplasma gallisepticum KP-13	E	28.5	205	207
Sclerotinia cinerea	Р	100		Acholeplasma laidlawii (A)	H		28.5	28.7
Mycoplasma gallisepticum KP-13	E	12.5				попе	none	попе
Mycoplasma gallisepticum S-6	E	6.3		Note: E - Eiken PPLO agar (pH 7.8, 8 days, 37° C.)				
Mycoplasma gallisepticum 333P	E	3.1	10					
(Spiramycin resistant)			10		s, 37° C.)			
Mycoplasma gallinarum	E	12.5		I - Acetylnanaomycin A II - Nanaomycin A methyl ester				
Mycoplasma iners	Ē	50		A - Nanaomycin A metnyr ester A - Nanaomycin A				
Mycoplasma pneumoniae	Ē	6.3						

N - nutrient agar (pH 7.0, 2 days, 37° C.)

Nanaomycin C inhibits mainly Gram-positive bac-15 teria and mycoplasmas, and exerts as strong activity against Gram-positive bacteria as nanaomycin A, but a weaker activity against fungi and mycoplasmas than nanaomycin A.

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P - potato agar (pH 6.4, 4 days, 27° C.)

E - Eiken PPLO agar (pH 7.8, 8 days, 37° C.)

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Acetylnanaomycin A exerts a strong activity against Gram-positive bacteria than nanaomycin A and exerts as strong activity against fungi and mycoplasmas as nanaomycin A. The acute toxicity (LD<sub>50</sub>, intra-pene-

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Acetylnanaomycin A		anaomycin A	a methyl ester		
			MIC (µg/ml	- D	
Test organisms	Med.	I	II	Control	
Staphylococcus aureus FDA 209P	N	1.6	12.5	3.9	
Staphylococcus aureus FDA 209P					
(JC-1)	Ν	0.8	25	2.0	
Staphylococcus aureus FS 1227	•				
(PC-R)	Ν	0.8	25	1.6	
Staphylococcus aureus KB 61		¥1.4		1.0	
(R-TC, EM)	Ν	0.8	12.5	1.6	
Staphylococcus aureus KB 64	* *	0.0	1 2. 3	1.0	
(R-TC, EM)	N	0.4	12.5	0.8	
Bacillus subtilis PCI 219	N	3.1	25		
Bacillus cereus T	N	25	25	6.3 12.5	
Sarcina lutea PCI 1001	N	1.6	25	12.5	
Corynebacterium paurometabolum	N	6.3		I.6 12.5	
-			25	12.5	
Mycobacterium smegmatis ATCC 607	N N	50	12.5	100	
Aerobacter aerogenes IAM 1183 Protous vulgaris IEO 2167	N N	>100	>100	>100	
Proteus vulgaris IFO 3167 Proteus minabilis	N N	50	>100	50	
Proteus mirabilis Ecohoriahia coli NULL (IC 2)	N	>100	>100	>100	
Escherichia coli NIHJ (JC-2)	N	>100	>100	>100	
Salmonella typhimurium	N	50	>100	100	
Shigella sonnei E 33	N	100	>100	100	
Pseudomonas aeruginosa P-3	N	>100	>100	>100	
Candida albicans	P	25	>100	50	
Saccharomyces sake	Р	12.5	50	12.5	
Piricularia orizae	Р	0.8	12.5	0.8	
Aspergillus niger ATCC 6275	P	25	>100	25	
Aspergillus fumigatus IAM 2162	Р	6.3	100	6.3	
Microsporum gypseum 704	Р	0.4	1.6	0.8	
Trichophyton asteroides	Р	0.8	12.5	0.8	
Trichophyton ferrugineum	Р	0.8	12.5	0.8	
Trichophyton interdigitale	Р	1.6	12.5	1.6	
Trichophyton mentagrophytes	Р	0.4	6.3	< 0.2	
Trichophyton pedis 804	Р	0.8	12.5	0.8	
Trichophyton purpureum	Р	1.6	12.5	0.4	
Trichophyton roseum	Р	0.4	0.8	< 0.2	
Trichophyton rubrum	Р	< 0.2	< 0.2	< 0.2	
Trichophyton schoenleini	Р	< 0.2	< 0.2	< 0.2	
Trichophyton violaceum	n	0.8	12.5	3.1	

Inchophyton notuceum 0.0 12.5 3.1

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Note:

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N - nutrient agar (pH 7.0, 2 days, 37° C.)

P - potato agar (pH 6.4, 4 days, 27° C.)

R - resistant strain

PC - penicillin

TC - tetracyclin

EM - erythromycin

I - acetylnanaomycin A

II - nanaomycin A methyl ester

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Control - nanaomycin A

trial injection) in mice of acetylnanaomycin A is 38.5 mg/kg which is lower than that of nanaomycin A.

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Antimicrobial activity of nanaomycin A methyl ester is generally lower than those of other derivatives of nanaomycin A.

Therapeutic effect of the derivatives of nanaomycin A of this invention are determined in a similar manner to that applied to nanaomycin A on infectious diseases caused by a parasite of the genus Tricophyton in guinea pigs and cattle. Acetylnanaomycin A exhibits superior 10 therapeutic effect to nanaomycin A when its concentration is 0.01–1%. The therapeutic effect of nanaomycin A methyl ester is inferior to those of nanaomycin A and acetylnanaomycin A. Nanaomycin C exhibits a poor therapeutic effect on infectious diseases caused by a 15

and in a chain of 10 or more. The spores have smooth surfaces.

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2. Cultural characteristics: Shown in Table 9.

3. Physiological characteristics: Growth temperature: 15°–45° C. Liquefaction of gelatin: positive Hydrolyzation of starch: positive Coagulation of skim milk: positive Peptonization of skim milk: positive Formation of melanoid pigment: negative Formation of tyrosinase: negative Reduction of nitrate: positive Formation of hydrogen sulfide: negative Decomposition of cellulose: negative 4. Usability of various carbon sources:

parasite of the genus Trichophyton.

According to another aspect of the present invention, there is provided a process for producing nanaomycins A and C by fermentation, in which a microorganism

Arabinose, xylose, glucose, fructose, rhamnose, mannitol, glycerol, maltose and mannose may be usable. Sucrose, innositol and raffinose may be unusable.

TABLE 9

· · · · · ·		Cultural Characterist			
	Medium	Growth	Reverse	Aerial mycelium	Soluble pigment
	Sucrose-nitrate	good, light ivory to	light melon yellow	light apricot	pearl pink to
	agar	light melon yellow	to apricot		light melon yellow
	Glucose-nitrate	good, dusty yellow	golden brown to	white to pearl pink	light wheat to
	agar	to golden brown	chocolate brown		sepia brown
	Glycerol-asparagine	good, light melon	apricot	light apricot	melon yellow to
•	agar	yellow to orange rust			apricot
· .	Inorganic salts-	moderate,	pearl pink to	white to flesh	dark luggage tan
•	starch agar	light melon yellow	golden brown	pink	to sepia brown
	Tyrosine agar	good, light wheat to	light mellon yellow	light melon yellow	light wheat to
· · · · · ·		amber topaz	to nude tan	to pearl pink	melon yellow
	Nutrient agar	moderate, colorless	squash yellow to	white, scant	none
•	-	to pearl pink	bright yellow		
1	Glucose-peptone	moderate, colorless	golden brown to	white	ivy to dark
	agar	to golden brown	sepia brown		laurel
	Yeast extract-malt	good, colorless to	golden brown to	light melon yellow	ivy
	extract agar	golden brown	orange rust	to light apricot	
· · ·	Oatmeal agar	moderate, colorless	light mellon yellow	light melon yellow	light tan
		to light melon yellow	to nude tan	to light apricot	
	Peptone-yeast extract	moderate, cream to	colonial yellow	scant, white to	none
	iron agar	light wheat		colonial yellow	
	Tryptone-yeast	surface growth,	light ivory	white	попе
	extract broth	moderate, light ivory			_
· .	Milk	pearl pink		none	light apricot to
					pearl pink
	Gelatin	surface growth, good	pearl pink to	white to celadon	laurel
			chartreuse tint	gray	
	Nitrate broth	surface growth,	light ivory	white	none
		moderate			
· · ·	Cellulose	none	none	none	none

> which belongs to the genus Streptomyces and which is capable of producing nanaomycins A and/or C is cultured aerobically in a medium conventionally used for 50 fermentation of microorganisms belonging to the genus Streptomyces to accumulate nanaomycins A and/or C in the cultured broths and nanaomycins A and/or Caccumulated are recovered therefrom.

pink. There is formed a soluble pigment colored in to use not only the hereinafter described Streptomyces yellowish brown or dark reddish brown. When an orrosa var. notoensis and any mutant obtained therefrom ganic medium is used, the growth is generally colorless but also any strain which belongs to the genus Streptoor colored in orange gray or brown, and the formed myces and which is capable of producing nanaomycins mycelium is colored in white or orange gray or pink. A and/or C. The microbiological characteristics of a 60 Sometimes soluble pigment is not formed, while a preferable strain Streptomyces rosa var. notoensis which is greenish gray or grayish black pigment is formed in used in the following examples to produce nanaomycins some media. This strain is non-chromogenic and has a A and/or C are as follows: relatively high activity with regard to the decomposi-1. Morphological characteristics: tion of protein and starch. Forming abundantly aerial mycelium on both syn- 65 With respect to the strains having the afore-menthetic and natural agar media, the ending of which tioned characteristics, a search was made for strains forming massy or irregular spiral. Conidiophore formed having analogous characteristics to those of the strain on aerial mycelium. Conidiospores are oval  $(0.6-1.0\mu)$ 

The microbiological characteristics of this strain are summarized as follows:

Conidiophore is spiral and conidiospore is smooth. Growth on synthetic medium is colored in yellowish gray or orange gray or reddish brown, and the formed aerial mycelium is colored in white or orange gray or For the purpose of the present invention, it is possible 55

11 used in the following examples with reference, for example, to "The Actinomycetes" by S. A. Waksman, Vol. 2 (1961) and "Cooperative Description of Type" Strains of Streptomyces" by E. B. Shirling and D. Gottlieb [International Journal of Systematic Bacteriology, Vol. 18, No. 2, pages 69–189 (1968): Vol. 18, No. 4, pages 279–392 (1969); Vol. 19, No. 4, pages 391–512 (1969); and Vol. 22, No. 4, pages 265–394 (1972)]. As a result, some species designated as "fradiae" i.e. Streptomyces fradiae, Streptomyces luridus, Streptomyces roseus, 10 Streptomyces fuscus, Streptomyces roseoluteus, and Streptomyces rosa were found as being analogous. Among them, Streptomyces roseoluteus and Streptomyces rosa are indeed likely to be most analogous. However, on one hand Streptomyces roseoluteus is distinguishable from the nanaomycin-producing strain of the present invention because the color at the reverse side of S. roseoluteus's colony becomes yellowish orange from yellow in certain media such as for example of yeast extract-malt extract, oat meal agar, inorganic starch agar as well as of glycerol-asparagine agar, with simultaneously formation of yellowish soluble pigment. On the other hand, Streptomyces rosa is generally similar to the nanaomycin-producing strain according to the present invention with the exception that the production of soluble pigment in certain media such as for example of yeast extract-malt extract agar, glucose-peptone agar and that the reduction of nitrate is not observed in the case of Streptomyces rosa. Accordingly, this strain is designated as Streptomyces rosa var. notoensis. The nanaomycin-producing strain used in the following examples produces simultaneously in the cultured broths nanaomycins A and C and nanaomycin B represented by general formula:

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various amino acids such as glycine, glutamic acid, alanine etc.

As the nitrogen source, it is possible to use, for example, ammonia; various inorganic and organic ammonium salts such as ammonium chloride, ammonium phosphate, ammonium sulfate, ammonium nitrate; nitrogen-containing organic materials such as urea, peptone, NZ-amine, meat extract, dried yeast, yeast extract, corn steep liquor, casein hydrolyzate, fish meal, digested product thereof, soybean meal, digested products thereof, defatted soybean, digested products thereof, pupa hydrolyzate, and various amino acids such as glycine, glutamic acid, alanine etc.

As the inorganic substance, it is possible to use, for 15 example, various phosphates, magnesium sulfate etc. If desired, it is also possible to use a trace amount of heavy metal salts, which is, however, not always essential when the medium used contains natural materials. In case a mutant strain having a nutritional requirement is used, it is necessary to add the required substance to the 20 medium. Liquid medium is preferable for producing large amount of nanaomycins A, B and C though solid medium may be used. It is possible to use a seed medium having a similar composition to that of the main culture medium, and the seed is preferably obtained by fermentation carried out aerobically at a temperature of 27° C. for two days, for example, by using a Sakaguchi flask. The fermentation is carried out aerobically with shaking and/or submerged conditions at a temperature of 30 from 15° to 40° C. at an adjusted pH of 6–10 for about 2-8 days, whereby large amounts of nanaomycins A, B and C are accumulated concurrently in the medium and microbial body. After completion of the fermentation, nanaomycins A, B and C are recovered from the cul-35 tured broths. For example, the broths are separated into the microbial body and filtrate. The filtrate is adjusted to an acidic pH (preferably from 2 to 4) with HCl or the like and is then subjected to extraction with a suitable organic solvent such as e.g. ethyl acetate or butyl ace-40 tate. After this, nanaomycins A, B and C are obtained by purifying the extracted substance in a conventional manner which would be used for the purification of known substances soluble in organic solvents. According to the present invention, preferable methods for the fermentation are exemplified as follows: A culture medium (100 ml) is put in a 500 ml Sakaguchi flask and sterilized at a temperature of 120° C. for 15 minutes. After this, spores and/or mycelium of the used 50 strain are inoculated and the fermentation is effected with shaking (110 r.p.m.) at a temperature of 27° C. for

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and referred to in the related U.S. patent application 45 entitled "New Compound Nanaomycin B and A Process for Producing the Same by Fermentation" and filed concurrently with this application.

The strain used in the following examples has been deposited on an unrestricted basis with the Fermentation Research Institute, Agency of Industrial Science and Technology, Japanese Government and assigned an accession number of FERM-P No. 2209.

According to the process of the present invention, either any synthetic or organic medium may be used 55 when it contains a suitable carbon source, nitrogen source, inorganic substances and, if desired, various other nutrients. Various carbon and nitrogen sources may be used when these sources are adaptable for the

broths. Alternatively, a culture medium (20 liters) is put into a 30-liter jar fermentor and sterilized at a temperature of 120° C. for 15 minutes. After this, a seed culture is inoculated and the fermentation is effected at a temperature of 27° C. for 3 days with shaking (300 r.p.m.) and aera-

a sufficient period of time (e.g. for 3 days) to accumulate

large amounts of nanaomycins A, B and C in the culture

strain in use. 60

More concretely, the useful carbon sources are exemplified by various carbohydrates such as glucose, glycerol, fructose, maltose, mannitol, xylose, galactose, lactose, ribose, starch and starch hydrolyzate. The concentration of carbon source is preferably 0.5–5.0% (when 65 calculated as glucose) based upon the medium. It is also possible to use organic acids such as, for example, gluconic acid, pyruvic acid, lactic acid, acetic acid; and

60 tion (10 l/min). It is also preferred to culture using a medium (200 ml) in a tank-type fermentor (capacity-400 liters) at a temperature of 27° C. for 3 days with shaking (200 r.p.m.) and aeration (100 l/min).

In either case, good results can be obtained by using glycerine and soybean meal as the carbon and nitrogen sources, respectively. A medium containing glycerine (2.0%) soybean meal (2.0%) and NaCl (0.3%) and having a pH of 7.0 is particularly advantageous. In one

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embodiment using this medium, an inhibition zone (diameter-30 cm) is observed in the supernatant of the cultured liquor at a pH of 5.2 after culturing at a temperature of 27° C. for 70 hours by using a tank-type fermentor. Although nanaomycins A, B and C are 5 found in both the fermented liquid and solid materials, the former contains usually larger amounts of nanaomycins A, B and C than the latter.

After completion of the fermentation, nanaomycins A and C are recovered from the cultured broths in the 10following manner:

The cultured broths are separated into solid and liquid phases in conventional manner by means of filtering, centrifuging and the like. The liquid phase, i.e. the filtrate is adjusted to an acidic pH (preferably from 2 to 4) <sup>15</sup> with HCl or the like and is then subjected to extraction with a suitable organic solvent such as e.g. ethyl acetate or butyl acetate. After this, nanaomycins are obtained by purifying the extracted substance in a conventional manner which is applicable for the purification of <sup>20</sup> known substances soluble in organic solvents. It is also possible to isolate nanaomycins from the extracted solution in an acidic condition. For example, an aqueous solution of sodium bicarbonate (1%) is used to elute nanaomycins A and B from the extract with quick speed. Immediately after this, the eluate containing nanaomycins A and B is adjusted to an acidic pH, for example, with hydrochloric acid, and further extracted with a suitable organic solvent such as, for ex- $_{30}$ ample, ethyl acetate or butyl acetate. The thus-obtained extract is concentrated to dryness, resulting in nanaomycins A and B in the form of crude powders which are then subjected to column chromatography using silica gel, whereby the crude powders containing nanaomy- 35 cins A and B are developed with a solvent system of benzene-acetone (4:1 v/v) to elute the fractions containing nanaomycin A followed by nanaomycin B-containing fractions. The thus-obtained fractions are separately combined and concentrated to dryness. The dried mate- 40 rial containing nanaomycin A is dissolved in ethanol which is then added with a small amount of water to give nanaomycin A in the form of needle crystals. Nanaomycin B can also be purified in a similar manner to that applied to nanaomycin A. In the recovery, nanaomycins A and B are eluted from the ethyl acetate layer with 1% of sodium bicarbonate, while nanaomycin C remains in the layer because nanaomycin C is neutral, which is then concentrated under reduced pressure to dryness to obtain the 50 crude powders of nanaomycin C. The crude powders are chromatographed on a column of silica gel with chloroform-methanol (50:1 v/v). The fractions containing nanaomycin C are concentrated under reduced pressure to dryness to obtain crude powders of nanao- 55 mycin C which are extracted with ethyl acetate and then recrystallized from an ethyl acetate to obtain orange crystals of nanaomycin C.

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by the melting point, IR spectrum and thin-layer chromatography.

According to the present invention, acetylnanaomycin A and nanaomycin A methyl ester can be obtained in the following manner:

Nanaomycin A is left in a solution containing acetic anhydride and pyridine, poured onto a mixture of ice and hydrochloric acid, and is then extracted with chloroform. The extract is washed with water, dried, and then recrystallized from benzene to obtain acetylnanaomycin A in the form of crystals of pale yellow needles. Nanaomycin A is dissolved in ether and treated with an ethereal solution of diazomethane. After removal of the solvent a column chromatography on silica gel with a chloroformmethanol system gives orange-yellow nanaomycin A methyl ester. Nanaomycin A and derivatives thereof according to the present invention are assayed in a similar manner to that designated as the paper disc method by Itoh, et al [J. of Antibiotics, 24, 855–859 (1971)], for example, as follows: The strain is cultured at a temperature of 27° C. with shaking. The medium (pH 7.0) contains glycerine (2.0%), soybean meal (2.0%) and NaCl (0.3%). Inhibition zones of a diameter of 17, 27, 28 and 29 mm are observed in the cultured liquor after culturing for 24, 48, 72 and 96 hours, respectively.

The following non-limitative examples illustrate the invention.

#### EXAMPLE 1

One platinum loop of Streptomyces rosa var. notoensis FERM-P No. 2209 capable of producing nanaomycins was taken from a slant culture and inoculated to a seed medium (pH 7.0) for culturing at a temperature of 27° C. for 2 days. The resultant seed culture was further inoculated to a medium (20 liters) put in a 30-liter jar fermentor at a ratio of 1% and cultured at 27° C. for 4 days with aeration (10 l/min) and agitation (300 r.p.m.). These media contained 2.0% of glycerol, 2.0% of soybean meal and 0.3% of NaCl and had an adjusted pH of 7.0. The media were sterilized at a temperature of 120° C. for 15 minutes before use. After completion of the fermentation, the pH of the cultured broths was 4.8 and 45 an inhibition zone against Mycoplasma gallisepticum (diameter-30 mm) was observed in the supernatant of the broths. The broths (20 liters) were subjected to centrifugation to remove the mycelium. The filtrate was adjusted to a pH of 2.0 with 6 N HCl and was then subjected to extraction with butyl acetate (4 liters). The butyl acetate layer was extracted with 1% sodium bicarbonate aqueous solution (800 ml). The aqueous layer was adjusted to a pH of 2.0 with 6 N HCl and was subjected to extraction with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was concentrated and added with petroleum ether to give yellow-brown powders (1.09 g) which were further purified in the following manner. The crude powders containing nanaomycins A and B were dissolved in ethyl acetate (15 ml), added with silica-gel (4 g) and then concentrated in vacuo to dryness. The dried material was transferred to a column packed with silica gel (55 g) and developed with a solvent system of benzene-ethyl acetate (4:1 v/v). The eluate was divided into individual fractions (each 15) ml). Each fraction was then assayed by the abovedescribed paper disc method using Mycoplasma gallisepticum KP-13 as a test microorganism. The first part of the eluate, i.e., Nos. 8 to 22 of the fractions contained

Nanaomycin A is also obtained from nanaomycin B (hereinbefore referred to) in an alkaline medium in the 60 following manner: Nanaomycin B (200 mg) is dissolved in 60 ml of 0.1 N drochloric acid, the product is extracted with ethyl 65

sodium hydroxide and the solution is allowed to stand for 10 minutes. After adjusting to pH 2.0 with 6 N hyacetate. The extract is evaporated and orange yellow needles are obtained from an ethanol solution of the product. The compound is identified as nanaomycin A

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nanaomycin A, and No. 14 exhibited a highest activity against the test microorganism. For fractions after No. 30, another solvent system of benzene-ethyl acetate (3:1 v/v) was used as the eluting solution. Nos. 32 to 60 of the divided fractions contained nanaomycin B, and the 5 activity of No. 46 was highest against the control microorganism. The fractions Nos. 8 to 22 were combined and concentrated in vacuo to dryness. The dried solid material was dissolved in ethanol and then added with a small amount of water to give yellow needle crystals 10 (31.7 mg). The crystals were recrystallized from an ethanol solution in a similar manner to that described above to give a purified nanaomycin A (25.3 mg; purity: more than 99%; melting point: 178°-180° C.).

UV absorption spectrum of nanaomycin A:

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umn chromatography and the eluate was treated to obtain nanaomycins A and B in a similar manner to that described in Example 1. By extracting with 1% sodium bicarbonate stated above, nanaomycin C-containing ethyl acetate layer was concentrated to dryness to obtain crude powders of nanaomycin C (685 mg). The powders were treated in a similar manner to that described in Example 1 to give a solid material (28.3 mg) from which nanaomycin C was obtained.

	Yield	Melting Point	Purity
Nanaomycin A	13 mg	173-175° C.	95%
Nanaomycin B	85 mg	82–84° C.	92%

 $\lambda_{max}^{Me-O\hat{H}}$ nm: 250, 274 and 423

IR absorption spectrum of nanaomycin A:

Characteristic strong absorptions at 1725, 1640 and 1610 cm<sup>-1</sup> when measured by KBr method.

The second part of the fractions (Nos. 32 to 60) was 20 combined and concentrated in vacuo to dryness to give pale yellow powders (450 mg). The powders were further subjected to column chromatography using silica gel in a similar manner to that described above to obtain purified powders of nanaomycin B (270 mg; purity: 25 99%; melting point: 84°-86° C.).

UV absorption spectrum of nanaomycin B:  $M_{eOH}$ 

 $\lambda_{max}^{MeOH}$ nm: 231 and 352

IR absorption spectrum of nanaomycin B:

Characteristic strong absorptions at 1705, 1648 and 30  $1605 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  when measured by KBr method.

When the butyl acetate layer was extracted with 1% sodium bicarbonate solution as stated above, nanaomycin C was retained in the butyl acetate layer owing to nanaomycin C being neutral. The solvent layer was 35 concentrated and dried to give crude powders (1.3 g) of nanaomycin C which was then chromatographed on a column of silica gel with chloroform-methanol (50:1 v/v). The obtained fractions (each 15 ml) were tested by the above-described paper disc method. Among the 40 total 58 fractions, the fractions of Nos. 51-63 contained nanaomycin C, and the No. 55 fraction exhibited a highest activity against the test microorganism. The fractions containing nanaomycin C were combined and concentrated in vacuo to dryness. The thus obtained 45 solid material (52 mg) was extracted with ethyl acetate and recrystallized from ethyl acetate to give orange-yellow nanaomycin C (35 mg) in the form of needle crystals. Purity: 99% Melting point: 222°-224° C. UV absorption spectrum of nanaomycin C:  $\lambda_{max}^{MeOH}$ nm( $\epsilon$ ): 248 (10100), 274 (12400) and 424 (4610).

Nanaomycin C	19.7 mg	220–222° C.	98%

#### EXAMPLE 3

Nanaomycin A (200 mg), which was obtained in a similar manner to that described in Example 1, was left in a solution containing acetic anhydride (2 ml) and pyridine (4 ml) for 16 hours at room temperature. The solution was then poured onto a mixture of ice water and 10% hydrochloric acid and extracted with chloroform (30 ml). The extract was washed with water and concentrated in vacuo to dryness. The thus obtained solid material was recrystallized from benzene to give pale yellow acetylnanaomycin A (145 mg) in the form of needle crystals. Purity—more than 99%; Melting point: 190°–192° C.

UV absorption spectrum:

 $\lambda_{max}^{MeOH}$ nm( $\epsilon$ ): 235 (20700), 265 (12100), 270 (12300) and 342 (3750).

IR absorption spectrum (by KBr method):

IR absorption spectrum:

Characteristic absorptions at 1645 and 1605  $cm^{-1}$ .

#### EXAMPLE 2

To the solid material which was obtained by centrifugation of the cultured broths prepared in a similar manner to that described in Example 1, there was added ethyl acetate (5 liters) with agitation. The thus-obtained 60 extract was added with 1% solution of sodium bicarbonate (2 liters) to transfer the material including nanaomycins A and B to the aqueous layer. The aqueous layer was adjusted to a pH of 2.0 with hydrochloric acid and was then subjected to extraction with ethyl acetate (500 65 ml). The extracted solution was concentrated in vacuo to dryness to give crude powders (521 mg) in yellow brown. The powders were subjected to silica gel col-

Characteristic absorptions at 1765, 1700 and 1670  $cm^{-1}$ .

#### EXAMPLE 4

Nanaomycin A (200 mg), which was obtained in similar manner to that described in Example 1, was dissolved in ether (30 ml), added with an excess of an ethereal solution of diazomethane and left for one hour at room temperature. After removing the solvent in vacuo, the reaction material was chromatographed on a column of silica-gel (6 g) with chloroform-methanol  $_{50}$  (100:1 v/v). The obtained fractions (each 5 ml) were tested by the above-described paper disc method. The fractions of Nos. 5-9 contained nanaomycin A methyl ester, and No. 6 fraction exhibited a highest activity against the test microorganism. The fractions contain-55 ing nanaomycin A methyl ester were concentrated and dried to obtain orange-yellow powders of nanaomycin A methyl ester (34 mg). Purity: more than 97%. Melting point: 99°-102° C.

UV absorption spectrum:

 $\lambda_{max}^{MeOH}$  nm( $\epsilon$ ): 248 (12400), 274 (15100), and 424 (5650).

IR absorption spectrum (by KBr method): Characteristic absorptions at 1730, 1645 and 1615  $cm^{-1}$ .

What is claimed is:

**1**. New compounds represented by the following general formula:

rotation  $[\alpha]_D^{26} - 27.5^\circ$  (C=1.0 in methanol) (b) R = H,  $R' = NH_2$  and the compound has a specific

wherein (a) R = H, R' = OH and the compound has a specific

CH<sub>3</sub>

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 $[\alpha]_D^{20} - 21.7^\circ$  (C = 1.02 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 2. The compound of claim 1 wherein R = H and R' = OH, said compound being denoted Nanaomycin A. 3. The compound of claim 1 wherein R=H and R'-NH<sub>2</sub>, said compound being denoted Nanaomycin 10 C.

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(c)  $R = COCH_3$ , R' = OH and the compound has a

(d) R = H,  $R' = OCH_3$  and the compound has a spe-

specific rotation  $[\alpha]_D^{22} + 32.4^\circ$  (C=1.02 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>)

4. The compound of claim 1 wherein  $R = COCH_3$  and R'=OH, said compound being denoted acetyl Nanaomycin A.

5. The compound of claim 1 wherein R=H and  $R' = OCH_3$ , said compound being denoted Nanaomycin 15

#### rotation $[\alpha]_D^{26} - 2^\circ$ (C=0.5 in dioxane)

OR

A methyl ester.

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